



# TORRANCE TRAVELERS

## *On the go again!*

Please join us for the following Autumn 2015 excursions designed for those 50 years of age and over:

Thursday, October 29, 2015

### *Old Haunts in Old Town San Diego*

Torrance resident fee: \$90.00

Non-resident fee: \$100.00



Wednesday, November 18, 2015

### *The Living Desert*

Torrance resident fee: \$97.00

Non-resident fee: \$107.00

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

### *Venetian Holiday*

Torrance resident fee: \$98.00

Non-resident fee: \$108.00



Register for AUTUMN 2015 excursions on:

Friday, September 11, 2015

9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Ken Miller Recreation Center

3341 Torrance Boulevard in Torrance

(Near Madrona and Torrance Blvd. behind the Torrance Plunge)

Torrance residents may register from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Non-residents may register from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Payment may be made by check or credit card only!

Sorry, we cannot accept cash.

Please make checks payable to the *City of Torrance*.

For openings after September 11, 2015 or for cancellations, please call 310/618-2720.

For tour information, please call our Tour Information line at 310/618-2468.



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## OLD HAUNTS IN OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO

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**Thursday, October 29, 2015**

**Torrance resident fee: \$90.00**

**LEAVES FROM WILSON PARK AT 8:00 A.M.**

**Non-resident fee: \$100.00**

**RETURNS at approximately 6:00 P.M.**

Spend the day exploring some of the old haunts in Old town San Diego! Our day begins at the *Whaley House* which stands today as a classic example of mid-nineteenth century Greek revival architecture. In addition to being the Whaley family home, it housed a granary, the County Court House, and San Diego's first commercial theater just to mention a few of the house's other uses. Significant events such as the seizure of the court documents in 1871 and the suicide of Violet Whaley in 1885, as well as the hangings which occurred on the property before the house was constructed, have suffused the Whaley House with an air of mystery and adds to its reputation as something more than just California State Historic Landmark #65. In fact, the house has been considered the number one most haunted house in the United States! Next, we'll visit the *Old Adobe Chapel*. Built in 1850 as a home, the Old Adobe was converted to a church by Don José Aguirre in 1858. Then, it's lunchtime at the *Old Town Mexican Café* for authentic Mexican cuisine. After lunch we'll have plenty of time to explore Old Town.



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## THE LIVING DESERT

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**LEAVES FROM WILSON PARK at 8:00 A.M.**

**Non-resident fee: \$107.00**

**RETURNS at approximately 6:00 P.M.**

Welcome to the amazing world of desert life! Let *The Living Desert Reserve* introduce you to some of the many varieties of plant and wildlife found in deserts from around the world. After a cool, morning drive out to Indio, we'll disembark the coach at the *Living Desert*. Upon arrival, we'll climb aboard of the park's trams for a narrated ride through the reserve. Discover reptiles, birds, mammals, and plants you never thought could possibly inhabit such desolate places. At the conclusion of the tour, we'll be treated to a box lunch at the park's restaurant before taking a seat in the covered amphitheater for a special *Wildlife Wonders* presentation. Eight to ten animals participate in each show, with many of them being an endangered or threatened species. A special treat is in store for the ride home when we stop off at *Hadley's* in Cabazon for a traditional desert treat, a refreshing date shake!



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## VENETIAN HOLIDAY LIGHTS

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**Wednesday, December 9, 2015**

**Torrance resident fee: \$98.00**

**LEAVES FROM WILSON PARK AT 3:30 P.M.**

**Non-resident fee: \$108.00**

**RETURNS at approximately 9:00 P.M.**

All the romance of Italy during the holidays is ours on this enchanting Venetian Holiday! Imagine cruising through the canals of Venice aboard authentic gondolas. We can do just that right here in Southern California! As the sun begins to set, we'll travel the Long Beach where we'll board a fleet of romantic gondolas for a festive one-hour cruise through the canals of Naples and Los Alamitos Bay. Our gondolier will guide us slowly through the bay as we cruise past a myriad of floating Christmas trees, which have become a Long Beach tradition over the past twenty years. The nightly event features dozens of Christmas trees full of bright, twinkling lights floating aimlessly in the bay. On the canals we'll pass under quaint footbridges and past elegant waterfront homes decorated for the holidays. (Cups, ice buckets, and ice are provided on the gondolas should we wish to bring our own beverages.) After cruising the canals of Naples, we'll head over to *Buca di Beppo* where we'll enjoy a flavorful dining experience. In the spirit of Italian culture, dishes are served family style and are meant to be shared. Join us for a taste of Italy for the holidays!

